

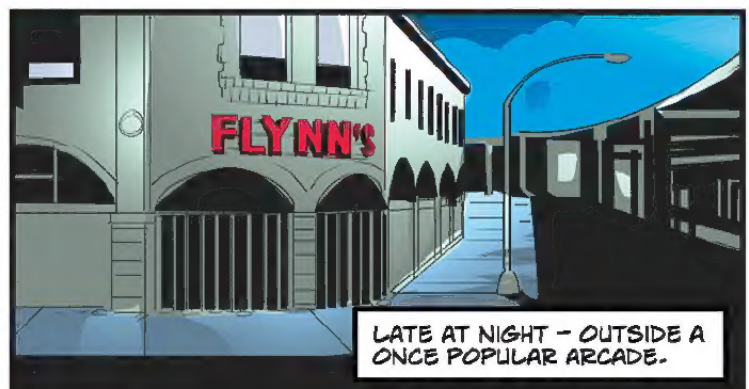
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“Ghost In The Machine”

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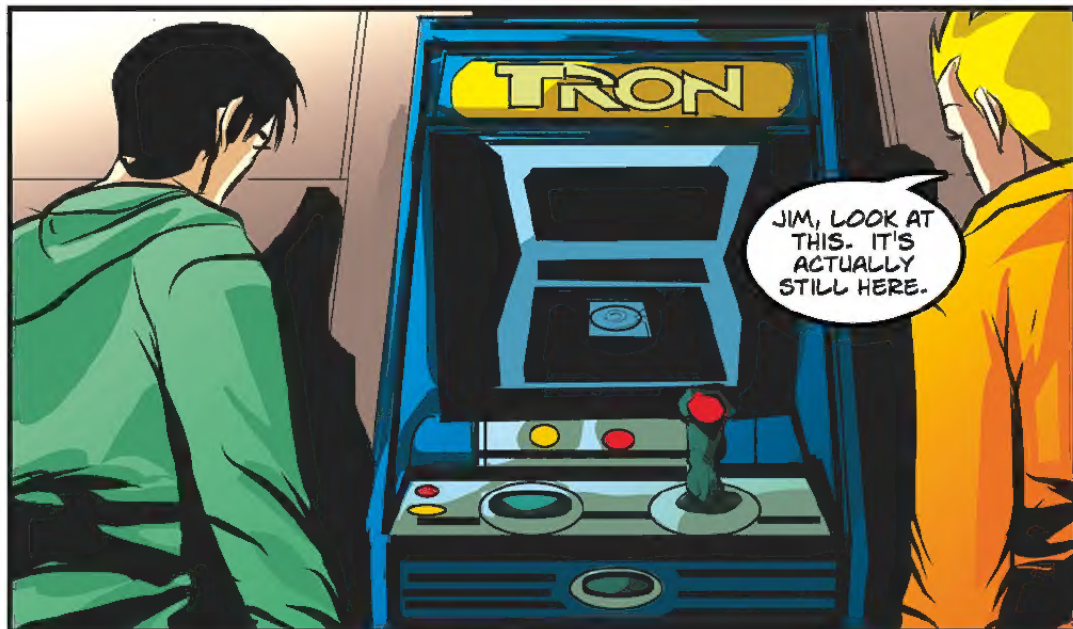
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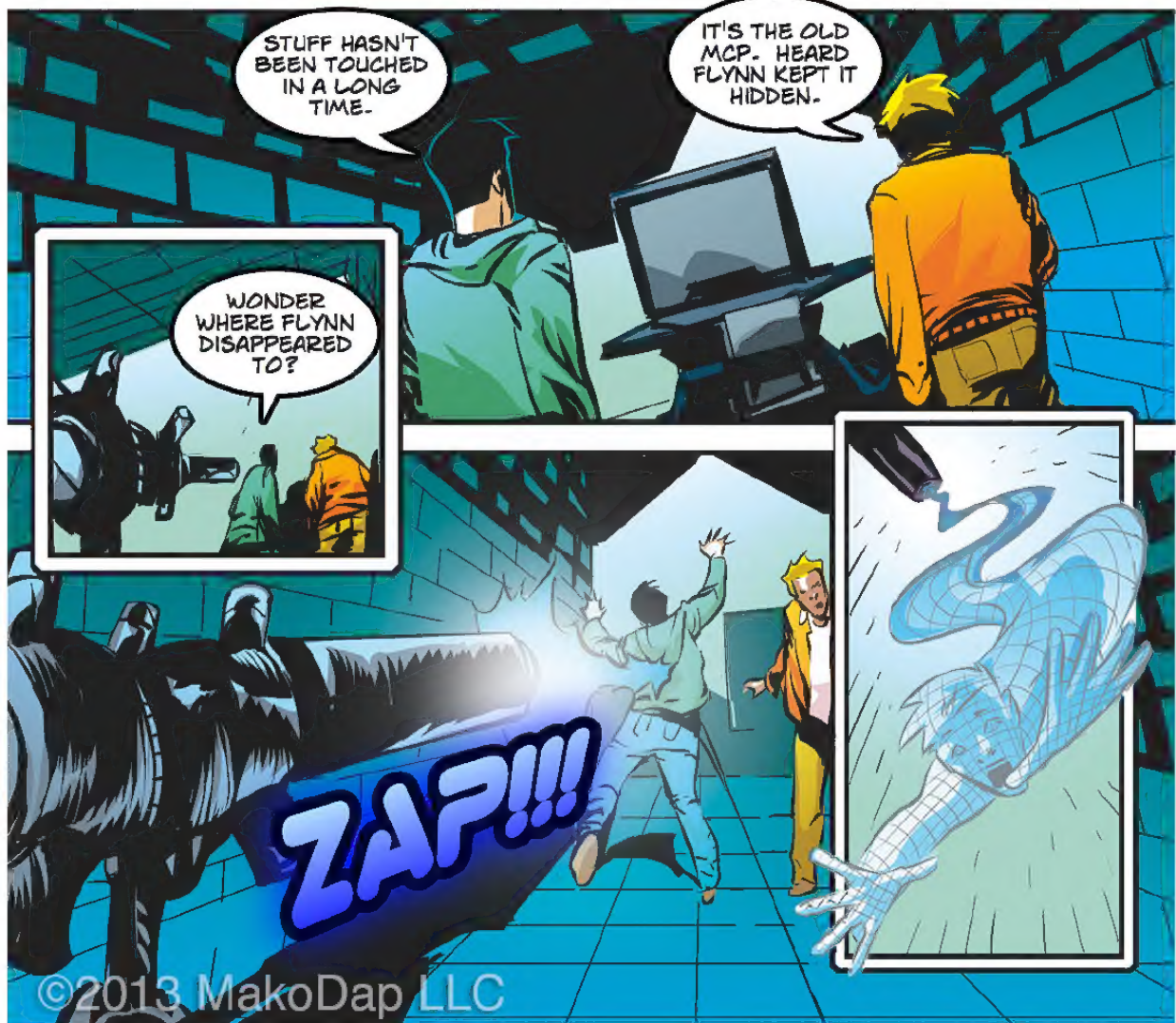
LATE AT NIGHT - OUTSIDE A
ONCE POPULAR ARCADE.

YOU SURE WE
SHOULD BE IN
HERE, MAX?
IT'S KINDA
CREEPY.

LIKE A
GRAVEYARD
OF VIDEO
GAMES.



JIM, LOOK AT
THIS. IT'S
ACTUALLY
STILL HERE.





WHERE AM I?

THE GRID.

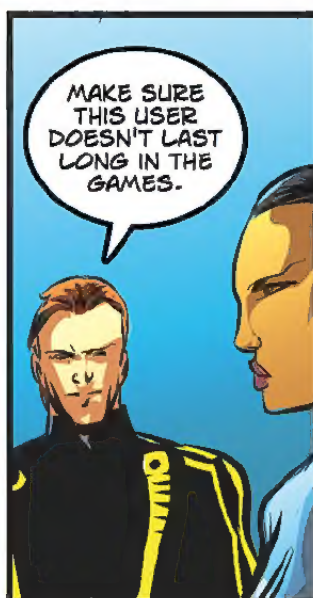


THE PERFECT SIMULATION. A WORLD IN WHICH I HAVE BEEN PUT IN CHARGE TO MAKE SURE IMPERFECTIONS ARE ERADICATED. AND YOU MY FRIEND, ARE AN IMPERFECTION.

WHAT'S THE GRID?



I'M INSIDE A COMPUTER? THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!



MAKE SURE THIS USER DOESN'T LAST LONG IN THE GAMES.



JIM BOLTS AWAY AS FAST AS HE CAN.

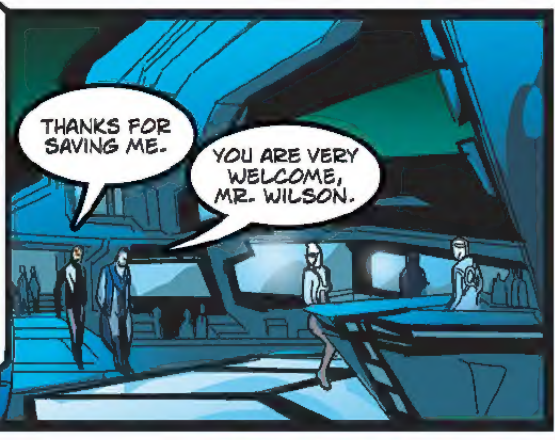


FREEZE
USER!!

JIM IS PULLED
INTO AN ALLEY
BY A STRANGER.

IF YOU WANT
TO SURVIVE...
GET IN!

THE LIGHT RUNNER
QUICKLY SPEEDS AWAY.



THANKS FOR SAVING ME.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME, MR. WILSON.

WHO ARE YOU?
AND WHO WAS THAT MAN IN THE YELLOW SUIT?

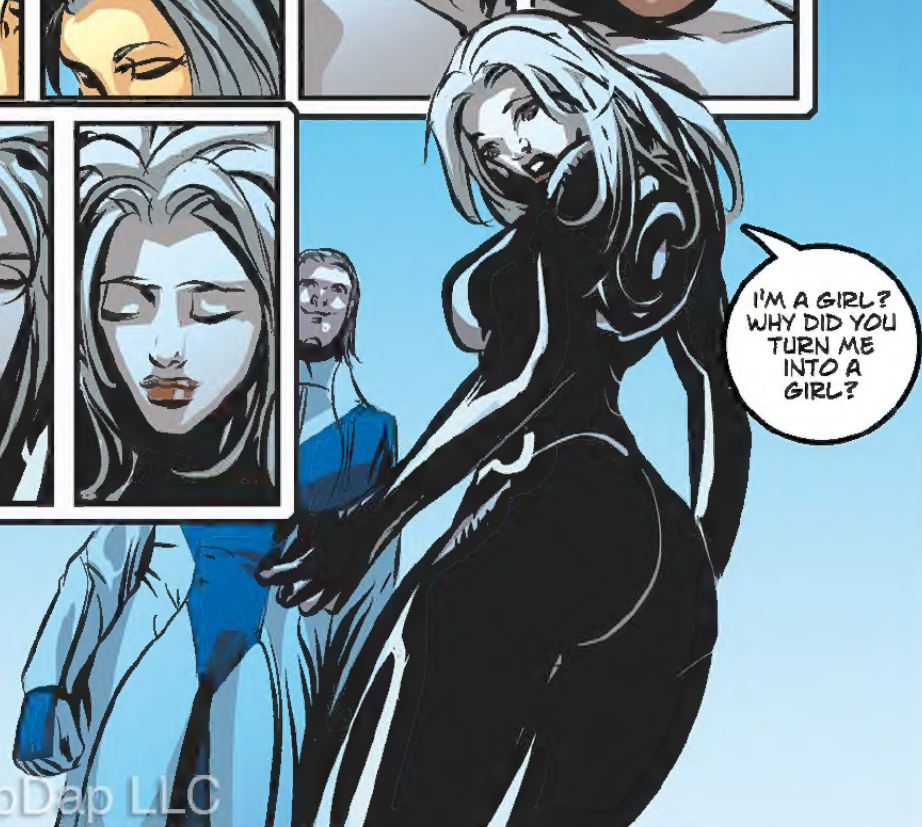
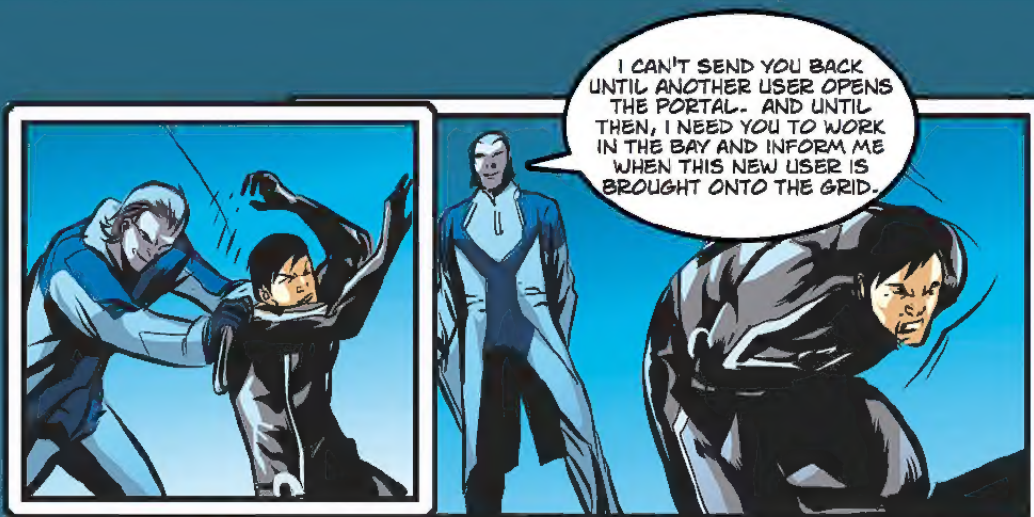
I AM, ZEUS. OWNER OF THIS CLUB. AND THE MAN YOU SPEAK OF IS, CLU. NASTY LITTLE BUGGER ISN'T HE? HE IS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT YOU HERE AS AN EXPERIMENT. TO SEE IF HE COULD BRING OTHERS. YOU ARE JUST A PAWN I'M AFRAID. HE WANTS YOU DEAD NOW THAT HE HAS NO NEED OF YOU.



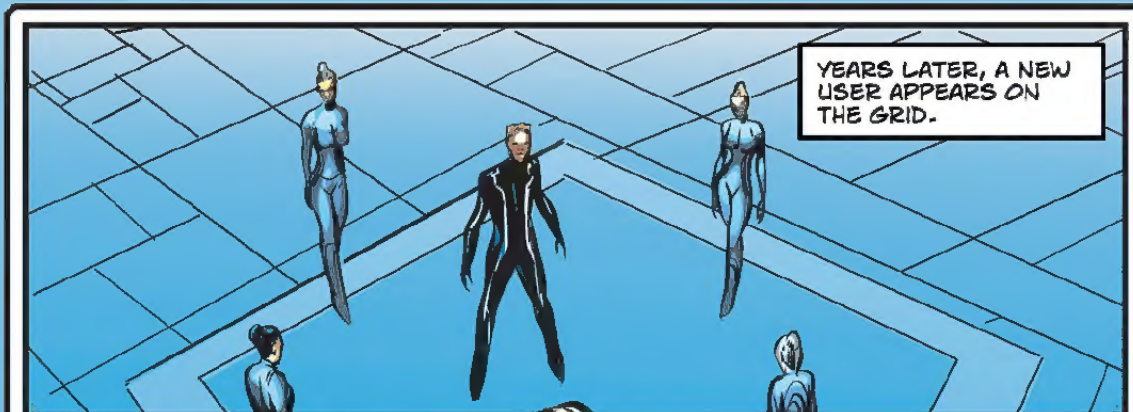
MAY I?

I DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO NOT ONLY HIDE YOU FROM CLU'S EMPIRE, BUT TO ALSO SEND YOU BACK HOME. BUT IN ORDER FOR ME TO HELP YOU, I NEED SOMETHING IN RETURN.

SURE. WHATEVER, I JUST WANT TO GO BACK HOME.







YEARS LATER, A NEW
USER APPEARS ON
THE GRID.



MARRYING
COMPLETE.
DISC ACTIVATED
AND
SYNCHRONIZED.



PROCEED
TO GAMES.



WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO?



SURVIVE.